# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:429
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NEXUS BETWEEN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AND SMUGGLERS AT INDO-NEPAL BORDER
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government are aware of the nexus of Customs officials posted at Indo-Nepal border at Champaran, Bihar with smugglers and they free allow the smugglers to pass after taking money;

(b) if so, the number of cases which came to the notice of the Government in the last three years;

(c) the action taken against the customs officials; and

(d) the amount of customs duty recovered by Champaran post in each of the last three years?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): No case of nexus of Customs Officials posted at Indo-Nepal border at Champaran (Bihar) with smugglers has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) & (c): Does not arise in view of (a) above;

(d): The amount of customs duty collected at Champaran Customs post, i.e., Land Customs Station, Raxaul during last 3 years is as under:

| Year | Customs Duty Collected |
|---|---|
| 1997-98 | Rs. 21.09 Crores |
| 1998-99 | Rs. 30.06 Crores |
| 1999-2000 | Rs. 53.02 Crores |
| 2000-2001 (up to Jan. 2001) | Rs. 67.93 Crores |